"House and Shop taxes" and "Octroi" and "Markets" were Rs. 54,459, Rs. 1,29,020 and Rs. 87,073 respectively.

Demand, Collection and Balance.

262. Out of a total demand of Rs. 4,99,338 under cesses and taxes, a sum of Rs. 4,40,099 was collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 59,239 under the heads "Mohatarfa including house tax", "Vehicle Tax" and "Ground rent on labour colonies".

High Schools.

263. The K.G.F. Sanitary Board Boys' and Girls' High Schools continued to be under the management of the Sanitary Board.

Schemes of Improvement.

264. The improvement works sanctioned at a total cost of Rs. 4,83,334 were practically completed during the year.

Health and Sanitation.

265. The health conditions of the area were satisfactory. Adequate medical attention is available to the population of the area. The sanitation of the non-mining area was looked after by the health section of the K.G.F. Sanitary Board as usual.

(xvi) Davangere City Municipality.

266. The area of the Davangere City Municipality is 7·5 square miles and the population is 56,048.

The City is divided into 29 Divisions.

The total number of meetings held was 44.

267. The total number of houses and sites in Davangere City were 12,972 and 4,194, respectively during the year as against 12,744 and 4,028 respectively in the previous year.

Incidence of Taxation.

268. The incidence of taxation per head of population worked out at Rs. 6-4-2 (Rs. 6-4-3) during the year.

Finance.

269. The total receipts of the Municipality during the year were 10,76,270 (Rs. 9,56,441). The expenditure during the year was Rs. 11,01,508 (Rs. 9,07,809).

270. The city was free from small-pox and plague during the year. Six thousand nine hundred and fifty-six persons were vaccinated during the year. Nine deaths out of the 15 imported Cholera cases were reported during the month of November 1953. As a preventive measure, mass inoculations to the extent of 19,021 were conducted and leaflets instructing the public regarding observance of certain precautions were distributed among the public.

PROTECTION

271. Births and deaths recorded during the year were 1,809 and 567 respectively. The death rate was 10·1 per thousand against 9·73 per 1,000 in the previous year.

General.

272. The Municipal Council sanctioned an extent of 585′×600′ for the construction of a Stadium free of cost beside the colleges. An extent of 6 acres of land was granted free of cost to the College of Engineering for constructing its hostel.

273. As the Korachars were dwelling in most congested and insanitary huts with a view to effect slum clearance an extent of nearly two acres of land was provided on Jagalur Road for erection of their colony. Roads and drains were formed in various slum areas.

(xvii) Administration of District Boards.

274. *Constitution.*—In December 1953 the Government constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Sri D. H. Chandrasekharaiya to report on the question whether District Boards as envisaged in the Village Panchayets and District Boards Act of 1952 may be continued or Taluk Boards may be constituted in their place. Pending the receipt of the report of this Committee the elections which were due to be held were not held. The Boards which were constituted in 1947 were continued till 1st March 1954 when under the powers vested by the Mysore Village Panchayets and District Boards (Amendment) Act No. I of 1954 the term of the Boards was ordered to expire and the Boards were placed in charge of the Deputy Commissioners of Districts who were appointed as Special Officers.

275. There were 258 members of the District Boards and there were 12 vacancies during the year in the membership of the Boards.

276. *Meetings.*—The total number of meetings held by the District Boards were 51 (54) during the year of which 41 ordinary and 10 special meetings.

277. *Income and Expenditure.*—The total income and expenditure of the District Boards during the year were Rs. 61,67,612 (Rs. 69,26,653) and Rs. 50,20,325